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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE PARTICIPATING IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND  
UTILIZATION OF THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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